

## CUBAN GIRLS DRAW PRIZES

interesting Ceremony When Dowerless Senioritas Are Awarded a Portion of Trust Fund.

## CUSTOM TWO CENTURIES OLD

Boy Chooses the Names of Senoritas d  
Armas and Sicardo from Thirty-  
Three Aspirants for Dowry.

HAVANA, Cuba, March 21, 1906.—The feast of San José, the most important in the

and there were several events given to celebrate the day. Foremost among them were two church celebrations, one at the Cathedral at eight o'clock given by General Rafael de Cárdenas, and the other a night

The Cathedral mass was particularly interesting, for General de Cardenas offered it in memory of Don Martin Calvo de la Puerta, who more than two centuries ago left a trust fund to supply dowries.

idents with a modest dot. For nearly two hundred years the provisions of his will were faithfully carried out, but in the last dot was paid. General de Cárdenas after devoting much time and labor to the cause, succeeded in having the bequests revived, and from now on each year thirty-three Cuban girls without fortune will draw for two prizes, one of \$1,000 and the other of \$500, such sum being regarded as a marriage portion. If the winner remains single for a year after the drawing, she will receive the interest of the money, but the principal will not pay.

After the celebration of the masas, General Cardenas' guests went into the cemetery, where his little son, Rafael Thorvald Cardenas y Culmell, drew a name from thirty-three placed in an urn. The fortunate maiden was Señorita Mercedes de Armas y de Armas, a very beautiful girl of sixteen, whose ancestors were prominent in the history of the island. Masas de Armas, though poor, is exceedingly well connected and her good fortune was

Among those who celebrated the namedays on Monday were the Conde de Ferdinandina and his son and daughter, Don Fernando Herrera, and Josefina Herrera, the Marquesa de Bualost; the Conde de Sagunto, Señorita Maria Josefa Montañez de Mendoza, Señorita Josefina Embill de Kohly, Señorita Josefina Echarte de Francia, and Señors Pepe de Cardenas, Juan

gonzalez Lanuza, José Morales de los Rios, José Manuel Govin and the American vice consul, Mr. Joseph A. Springer. Señorita Josefina Embil de Kohnly celebrated the eve of her saint's day by a concert and small dance, at her beautiful home in Carlos III. The hit of the evening was made by Señorita Lilly Coronado, who sang and danced her way into the hearts of all those present. She has been much adored since she made her debut a year ago.

Mrs. Ernest Lee Conant has cards out for an at home next Tuesday at her home on the Malecon, and Mrs. William Hartz Smith has cards out for a progressive

Mrs. José Morales de los Rios gave a bridge party Monday evening to commemorate her husband's saint's day. Among those present were Mr. Joseph A. Springer, Miss Ines Springer, Mr. and

Mrs. William Harry Smith, Mr. and Mrs.  
Oswald Hornsby, Mrs. Carl M. Wintze,  
Mrs. Louise von Dorp, Mrs. George Ha-

Carman, Mr. Buell, Mr. and Mrs. Norriss,  
Mrs. Bishop, and Mr. and Mrs. Baudy  
Laine.

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